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My name is (b) (6) and I am the president of Brothers Printing Inc. in Portland. I have owned my business for almost 20 years and have two employees. As a business owner, I am concerned that the EPA's current plan to clean up the Willamette River would negatively affect the local economy, slow down tourism and economic growth, and cost jobs.

The EPA's current plan would spend at least \$1 billion, therefore directly affecting taxpayers and small businesses. Portland businesses would be taxed more and suffer more than other cities in similar situations. It is unfair that our Superfund site is being treated differently than other Superfund sites that have previously undergone similar environmental treatments. Furthermore, as a Portland citizen that occasionally enjoys using the waterfront, having a 10-mile construction site on the river for decades would be unacceptable and unsightly. This would reduce tourism and slow down other local businesses, and would especially affect downtown businesses.

Recent data shows that up to 40% of the Willamette River's pollutants have been eliminated naturally; however, it appears that bureaucrats are ignoring any information that contradicts their own plan which relies on data that is over ten years old. I urge you to keep your options open, and listen to the new evidence. It would make more sense to do targeted dredging to monitor and assist the natural healing process of the river. Instead of spending \$1 billion on an invasive cleanup that could harm the environment and economy, that money would be better spent on economic development and environmental priorities that have real local benefit.

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